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# Provos Mary Ann Clark,

## 105, Has Watched History

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PROVO — Mary Ann Brown Clark lived through the star-spangled events that make a nation's history great. She is 105 years of age.

When she was born, July 7, 1859, Lincoln's voice was fore-shadowing the oncoming Civil War with, "I believe this government cannot endure half slave and half free."

Utah was still a territory with Gov. Alfred Cummings at the helm. Only a few miles from Lehi, where Mary Ann was born, General Albert Sidney Johnston and his troops were waiting out the "Utah War" at

### Awaits Birthday

Camp Floyd.

Pioneers were still crossing the plains to join the Mormon settlements. Brigham Young, the modern day Moses, was helping his people colonize the far reaches of Utah Territory. Stagecoaches brought news and mail.

Mary Ann Brown Clark is "very tired now" as she awaits her 105th birthday. She remains alert and able to visit with famliy members at the home of a daughter, Mrs. J. C. (Laura) Clark, 376 North 400 East, Provo. Others attending a quiet family celebration Tuesday will be daughters Mrs. Thomas (Amy) Sevy, Panguitch; Mrs. Frank (Nellie) Pace, Twin Falls, Idaho; Mrs. David (Zella) Adamson, Provo; Albert D. Clark, Orem.

## Voted Since 1880

Mary Ann is a daughter of John and Amy Snyder Brown, Lehi pioneers. Her father was captain of the Thirteenth Ten in the original pioneer company which, under the leadership of President Brigham Young, made the march across the plains.

The year Mary Ann was born another John Brown was making history. He was the John Brown who entered the village at Harpers Ferry and seized the U.S. arsenal.

President James Buchanan was in office. That was 22 presidents ago. Mrs. Clark has voted in every presidential election since 1880 and thinks it not improbable that she might vote again in 1964.

She recalls incidents of the

Blackhawk War, the driving of the golden spike at Promontor, and other highlights of Utah his tory.

Exciting things are still hap pening. Last year, Richard Sax ton was born born making Mar Ann the senior citizen in a fam ily of six living generations "It's great being a great-great great grandmother," she said

Counting up all the grandchil dren and arriving at a figurabove 130, Mrs. Clark said "But don't take figures as fina because returns are still comin

She has been a widow for 2 years. She married Albert D Clark Feb. 1, 1879, in the St George Temple, Church of Jesu Christ of Latter-day Saints. He died June 11, 1937.





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